

denial, and how these rights are waived if they refuse to allow their medical information to be sent to Medicare. It is essential that such notice be timely, readable and comprehensible, provide clear directions, and provide accurate and complete information about the services affected and the reason that Medicare denial of payment for those services is expected by the HHA. For these reasons, uniform mandatory notices (the HHABNs) with very specific content and graphic design have been prepared (they are attached as Exhibits 1–3 hereto), which are to be used by all HHAs furnishing services to Medicare beneficiaries.

When an HHA expects payment for the home health services to be denied by Medicare, a beneficiary must be advised before home health care is initiated or continued, that in the HHA's opinion, payment probably will be required from him or her personally. The attached HHABNs are designed to ensure that HHAs inform beneficiaries in writing, in a timely fashion, about changes to their home health care, the fact that they may have to pay for care themselves if Medicare does not pay, the process they must follow in order to obtain an initial determination by Medicare and, if payment is denied, to file an appeal, and the fact that they waive those rights if they refuse to allow their medical information to be sent to Medicare. The HHABNs are to be issued by the HHA each time, and as soon as, the HHA makes the assessment that it believes Medicare payment will not be made. The HHABNs are to be provided by HHAs in any case where a reduction or termination of services is to occur, or where services are to be denied before being initiated, except in any case in which a physician concurs in the reduction, termination, or denial of services. Failure to do so would be a violation of the HHA Conditions of Participation in the Medicare Program, which are currently approved PRA requirements approved under OMB number 0938–0365, and may result in the HHA being held liable under the Limitation on Liability (LOL) provision.

Home Health Advance Beneficiary Notices (HHABNs) HHABNs, Exhibits 1–3 serve as notice to the beneficiary that the HHA believes that home health services are not, or will no longer be, covered in different situations. HHABN–T, Termination, is used when all home health services will be terminated. HHABN–I, Initiation, is used when the HHA expects that Medicare will not pay, even before services have been initiated. HHABN–R, Reduction, is used when ongoing home health services will be reduced (e.g.,

reduced in number, frequency, or for a particular subset of services, or otherwise).

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households, Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 540,000.

Total Annual Responses: 1,080,000.

Total Annual Hours: 180,000.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access HCFA's Web Site address at <http://www/hcfa.gov/regs/prdact95.htm>, or E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and HCFA document identifier, to Paperwork@hcfa.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786–1326.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed within 60 days of this notice directly to the HCFA Paperwork Clearance Officer designated at the following address: Health Care Financing Administration, Office of Information Services, Security and Standards Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards, Attention: Dawn Willingham, Room N2–14–26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244–1850.

Dated: December 22, 1999.

John P. Burke III,

HCFA Reports Clearance Officer, HCFA Office of Information Services, Security and Standards Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Competitive Comprehensive Grants Preview (1999 FY) Availability

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: In the *Federal Register* issue of Thursday, August 18, 1999, make the following correction:

Correction

In the *Federal Register* issue of Wednesday, August 18, 1999, in FR Doc. 99–21257, on page 45025, the cooperative agreement category in the second column under the heading “Health Care Information and Information for Families of Children

with Special Health Care Needs (CFDA# 93.110S)” is withdrawn from competition due to Agency delay in implementing the prerequisite pilot phase of the Initiative.

Dated: December 23, 1999.

Claude Earl Fox,
Administrator.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigations Nos. AA1921–124 and 731–TA–546–547 (Reviews)]

Certain Steel Wire Rope From Japan, Korea, and Mexico

Determinations

On the basis of the record¹ developed in the subject five-year reviews, the United States International Trade Commission determines,² pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1675(c)) (the Act), that revocation of the antidumping duty finding and orders on certain steel wire rope from Japan, Korea, and Mexico would not be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time.

Background

The Commission instituted these reviews on January 4, 1999 (64 FR 367) and determined on April 8, 1999 that it would conduct full reviews (64 FR 19198, April 19, 1999). Notice of the scheduling of the Commission's reviews and of a public hearing to be held in connection therewith was given by posting copies of the notice in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, Washington, DC, and by publishing the notice in the *Federal Register* on June 30, 1999 (64 FR 35181). The hearing was held in Washington, DC, on October 14, 1999, and all persons who requested the opportunity were permitted to appear in person or by counsel.

The Commission transmitted its determinations in these investigations to the Secretary of Commerce on December 20, 1999. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 3259 (December 1999), entitled Certain

¹ The record is defined in sec. 207.2(f) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 207.2(f)).

² Chairman Lynn M. Bragg dissenting on Japan, and Commissioner Stephen Koplan dissenting on Japan and Mexico.